

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-10 are pending and under examination.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended herein.

Claim 21 is newly presented.

Support for Claim 1 is found in the specification as originally filed. More specifically, support for the recitation on the support in Claim 1 is found at least at paragraph [0027] at page 2 of the published application; at paragraph [0031] at page 2-3 of the published Application; at paragraph [0033] lines 15-17 at page 3 of the published application; and paragraph [0040] lines 3-4 at page 4 of the published application.

Support for Claim 21 is found in the specification as originally filed. More specifically, support for the recitation slide in Claim 21 is found at least at Figure 1 and at paragraph [0027] of the published application.

No new matter is introduced by the present amendment.

Claim objection

The Examiner requests that “Applicant insert ‘an additional’ into claim 2 between ‘wherein a’ and ‘drying of the sample’.” Office Action at page 2, no. 5.

In order to advance prosecution and enhance clarity, Claim 2 is amended herein as requested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are traversed or rendered moot

RE: Alleged Anticipation by Ryan et al. (WO 99/01474)

Claims 1-7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Ryan et al. (WO 99/01474). Based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, the rejection is traversed or rendered moot.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Office assertion regarding anticipation, in order to advance prosecution, Claim 1 is amended herein to recite on the support. Moreover, newly presented Claim 21 requires on the slide.

Ryan *et al.* do not disclose placing a biological sample on a two-dimensional support, wherein the support with the biological sample is then subjected to the method steps b) to d) of, *e.g.*, Claim 1. Moreover, Ryan *et al.* do not disclose a slide as required by Claim 21. According to Ryan *et al.*, the biological sample is transferred several times prior to a drying step, if any, for storage of the then isolated proteinase inhibitor.

Therefore, any asserted basis for the rejection is traversed or rendered moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

RE: Alleged Anticipation by Mansfeld et al. (USP 3,670,075)

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Mansfeld *et al.* (USP 3,670,075). Based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks, the rejection is traversed or rendered moot.

Although Applicant disagrees with the Office assertion regarding anticipation, in order to advance prosecution, Claim 1 is amended herein to recite on the support. Moreover, newly presented Claim 21 requires on the slide.

Mansfeld *et al.* do not disclose placing a biological sample on a two-dimensional support, wherein the support with the biological sample is then subjected to the method steps b) to d) of, *e.g.*, Claim 1. Moreover, Mansfeld *et al.* do not disclose a slide as required by Claim 21. According to Mansfeld *et al.*, the biological sample is transferred several times prior to a drying step, if any, for storage of the then isolated proteinase inhibitor.

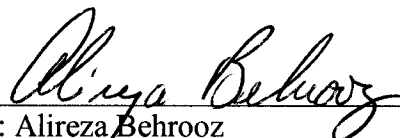
Therefore, any asserted basis for the rejection is traversed or rendered moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been fully addressed and overcome. Hence, Applicant asserts that all Claims are in condition for allowance and requests that an early notice of allowance be issued. If issues may be resolved through Examiner's Amendment, or clarified in any manner, a call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 888-7363 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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